

3738

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: THOMPSON  
Serial No.: 09/879,425  
Filed: JUNE 12, 2001  
Confirmation No.: 6175  
Due Date: JANUARY 30, 2004  
Title: STENT WITH ENHANCED FRICTION

Examiner: C. MILLER  
Group Art Unit: 3738  
Docket: 11576.38USC1

CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 CFR 1.8:

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail, with sufficient postage, in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop Non Fee Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on January 27, 2004.

By: 

Name: KATE CANNON

Mail Stop Non Fee Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**23552**

PATENT TRADEMARK OFFICE

Sir:

We are transmitting herewith the attached:

- ☒ Transmittal Sheet in duplicate containing Certificate of Mailing  
☒ Amendment  
☒ Return postcard

Please consider this a PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME for a sufficient number of months to enter these papers or any future reply, if appropriate. Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-2725. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.

MERCHANT & GOULD P.C.  
P.O. Box 2903, Minneapolis, MN 55402-0903  
612.332.5300

By: 

Name: Karen A. Fitzsimmons

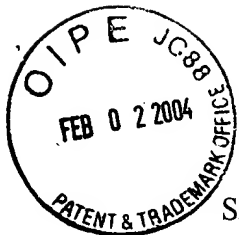
Reg. No.: 50,470

KFitzsimmons:PLSklg

**RECEIVED**

FEB 05 2004

TECHNOLOGY CENTER



S/N 09/879,425

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: THOMPSON Examiner: C. MILLER  
Serial No.: 09/879,425 Group Art Unit: 3738  
Filed: JUNE 12, 2001 Docket No.: 11576.38USC1  
Title: STENT WITH ENHANCED FRICTION

CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 CFR 1.8: The undersigned hereby certifies that this correspondence is being deposited in the United States Postal Service, as first class mail, with sufficient postage, in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on January 29, 2004.

By:

Name:

*Kate Gannon*  
KATE GANNON

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

RECEIVED

FEB 05 2004

TECHNOLOGY CENTER R3700

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 30, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.